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***Response to Amendment***

The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed December 18, 2009 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1 and 2 based upon Ettlinger et al. (EP 0672731) under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejection of claim 4 based upon Ettlinger et al. in view of Koehlert et al. (US Pat. No. 5,928,723) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as set forth in the last Office action because: The Declaration does not account for the broad interpretation of "structurally modified" afforded by the instant specification to include the *molecular* structure modifications as taught by Ettlinger et al. (Pg. 1, Lns. 15-25 and Pg. 1, Lns. 30-32 of English machine translation) as the instant specification has not defined the term "structurally modified" to exclude such *molecular* structure modifications.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed December 18, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments regarding the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed December 18, 2009 have been sufficiently responded to above.

***Correspondence***

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